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Suspect in Dry Ice Explosions to be Charged

A 28-year-old Paramount man who worked at Los Angeles International Airport is scheduled to be arraigned today on two counts of possession of a destructive device in a public place, the District Attorney's Office announced.

Dicarlo Bennett (dob 12-21-84) was arrested Tuesday by Los Angeles Police officers following an investigation into the discovery of dry ice bombs at LAX, two of which exploded. No one was injured.

Bennett, who works for an airport service company, allegedly placed two dry ice bombs near terminal areas on Sunday. One device exploded in an employee restroom in Terminal 2 on Sunday. The second went off outside the Tom Bradley International Terminal.

Prosecutors are expected to file the two counts in case SA084368 today. He is expected to be arraigned at the Los Angeles Superior Court, Airport Branch, Department 144, sometime today. (Because of the earthquake preparedness drill today, courts and the D.A.'s Office will be closed for a time this morning.)

If convicted, Bennett faces up to six years in county jail.

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